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TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: NBC DOCUMENTARY ON HUNGER

1. AS YOU SUGGESTED, AF/W CONTACTED NBC AND LEARNED THAT NBC HAS HAD NO RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 11 LETTER TO NIGER EMBASSY WASHINGTON OUTLINING PROPOSAL AND REQUESTING GON APPROVAL. IN FACT, NIGER EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL NOT EVEN ADMIT LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED (EMBASSY TYPIST REVEALED IT HAD ARRIVED BUT SAID SHE DOUBTED IT WOULD BE ANSWERED.)

2. ACCORDING TO NBC LETTER (COPY POUCHED) AND OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH NBC AND CWS OFFICIALS, THEME OF PROGRAM WILL BE ON HOW HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION ARE BEING ALLEVIATED. WE ARE TOLD NIGER SELECTED BECAUSE OF EASE OF TRAVEL TO CWS PROJECTS AND PERSONALITY OF LOCAL CWS REPRESENTATIVE. NXN BETWEEN CWS AND GON MS FILRIES IN FOCUS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN CWS AND GON MINISTRIES IN AGADEZ AND NIAMEY PREFECTURES, AS WELL AS TOUKANOUS CATTLE RANCH. IN NIAMEY THERE WOULD BE FILMING OF NATIONAL

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MUSEUM, ARTISANS, TRIBAL COSTUMS, SCHOOL CAMPUSES. NINE PERSON FILM CREW WOULD PLAN TO BE IN NIGER MARCH 12 TO MARCH 28. CREW WOULD BRING FILM EQUIPMENT WEIGHING 1,500 POUNDS. NBC WOULD WELCOME PRESENCE OF ENGLISH SPEAKING GON OFFICIAL DURING FILMING.

3. ATTITUDE OF GON EMBASSY HERE SUGGESTS NBC WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE OF SOMEONE IN NIAMEY TO OBTAIN A RESPONSE FROM GON. WE HAVE TOLD NBC YOU WILL TRANSMIT THEIR REQUEST TO GON. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT INFORMATION BEYOND THAT CONTAINED ABOVE AND AVAILABLE FROM DR. CONWAY YOU WILL NEED TO SEEK GON'S AUTHORIZATION FOR FILMING. INGERSOLL

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